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In Memory Of Richard Byrd

This issue of Men On Missions is dedicated to the memory and the life of Richard Byrd. Richard passed away in July. The following article about Richard was printed in the Salisbury Post. In honor of Richard Byrd, NC Baptist Men has donated a number of Bibles to Honduras.

Richard Brunson
Director, NC Baptist Men

Richard Byrd was supposed to get up before dawn today to go to Murphy for a week as a crew chief for Rowan County Baptist World Changers, those high school students who spend part of their summer helping people who can't help themselves. They're going to winterize homes in Murphy. But Richard won't be there—except in spirit. He died of a heart attack a little over a week ago while he was working in South Carolina.

He won't be in China Grove either, during the first week of August, to build a new home for Jack and Delores Faggart, whose home was destroyed during a windstorm in April.

Or on a second trip to Honduras in October.

But his spirit will be here as long as Rowan County people respond to the needs of disaster victims, and the elderly, and needy. As long as people help each other.

"He always wanted us to work together to help those who need it," says J.C. Eagle, as he grieves for the loss of a friend.

Richard Byrd's story can be told in so many ways.

His card tells it. A bright yellow card with bold red lines outlining the suggestion of a house under construction. Byrd House, it says. And you smile.

Richard dropped one on my desk once, not because I needed a house, but because he wanted me to keep a phone number handy if a hurricane or a tornado or a flood sent the North Carolina Baptist Men into action and I needed to get in touch. I kept it on a corner of my desk, where I saw it every day, because it offered a sunshine message of ready help and hope and warmth to people crushed by forces they couldn't control.

Richard didn't know he was changing his life when Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992 and he went to Florida with the Baptist Men to help people recover.

But he did.

He met J.C. Eagle. They knew immediately they were a team and took dozens of trips to put other people's lives back together.

One was Thanksgiving week three years after Andrew hit, when they returned to Florida. That prompted a letter from the head of an Interfaith Coalition for the Andrew Recovery Unit about their "wonderful work."

"Most of the world," she wrote, "has forgotten the plight of the poor who lost their hard-earned homes." South Miami still had 440 families waiting for help, "because they just do not have the money to repair their homes."

People like Lula Mitchell.

Richard and the others from Rowan began building her house back as soon as they got there and even worked on Thanksgiving. Anyone could imagine Lula Mitchell's joy, the director wrote.

"She has waited over three years for help, living in a tiny rental unit she could ill afford. She is a widow, too old to work, caring for her wheel-

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Memories Of Caswell

The 50th celebration of our Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell brings back many memories to me. I was born in Winnabow in Brunswick County and lived there until I married Anita in 1961. When I was a young boy, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCracken were the caretakers at the assembly. They lived just outside the gate. Mrs. McCracken was the director of missions in Brunswick Association. She was the first "real" missionary I knew. My parents would take us children to visit them on Sunday afternoons. We spent many happy hours playing inside the many empty rooms of the fort and around the campus.

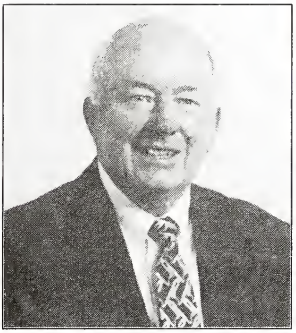
Winnabow is on Highway 17 and before all the bypasses, there used to be a filling station there and post office and that was all. Today there is nothing there except the sign. The post office was moved a number of years ago, and the old station was torn down. It's a place that a blink of the eye, and you've missed it. Anita tells a story about the station and Mr. Henry that used to run it.

"We left Beaufort at 6:00 in the morning. There were 16 of us young people on the back of a two-ton truck. My daddy had put sides on the truck and filled it up with straw and blankets to sit on. We piled on the suitcases, a picnic lunch, and lots of excitement and on to Camp Caswell. It was a four-hour ride on the back of a truck! Can you imagine? When we stopped at Mr. Henry's station, he could not imagine that we had come so far, and he gave us all a piece of bubble gum. We headed on to Caswell for a week of Training Union study and fun. That was the days of barracks and iron bedsteads and really "rough" living. I enjoy going to Caswell now and staying in such nice accommodations, but the truck ride and Mr. Henry's station many years ago has always been a sweet memory."

The 50th celebration of our Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell brings back many memories to me.

Fort Caswell (NC Baptist Assembly) has been an important place for NC Baptist Men and boys and their families over the 50 years since its beginning. I know many of you have many memories of weeks spent there. For my family, it is still a favorite place to go. Many thanks to so many of our men and women who have been in recent years to help with repairs after the storms, remodeling, and construction.

Pray that many more generations of children will spend time there and know the beauty of a sunrise over the ocean.



Raymond Earp

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chair bound brother…These men gave up their holidays with their families, paid their own way down, to help a poor old woman they didn't even know."

It wasn't the last time.

Richard and J.C. went back to Florida 10 times with the disaster recovery unit they helped organize. They helped victims of floods in Missouri and West Virginia and the mountains of North Carolina, the victims of hurricanes on the Outer Banks, the victims of tornadoes in South Carolina and Alabama.

Richard could sympathize with people, because his own house burned while he was at a meeting planning a tool trailer for disaster work. Volunteers rebuilt it in a day.

He knows what people were going through, J.C. says.

A caller left a voice mail message for J. C. about Richard after his death.

"The homes he helped rebuild and lives he touched—I think he probably had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever seen," she said. But she forgot to leave her name. Or maybe she did it deliberately. And that was fitting.

Richard Byrd never asked the names of the people whose shattered lives he helped repair.

2000 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference And Baptist Men's Convention In Raleigh On January 28-29

Tony Campolo, writer and speaker, will be the keynote speaker for the 2000 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention on January 28-29 at Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Phil Downer, author and director of Christian Businessman's Committee, and Taylor Field, director of Graffiti Ministry in New York will highlight the Saturday session. Kyle Matthews, a renown Nashville, TN storyteller and contemporary concert artist who presents challenging images of the gospel, along with Curt Cloninger, drama specialist, will lead in worship during each session.

Tony Campolo

Kyle Matthews

AGENDA:

Friday evening, January 28
Forest Hills Church, Raleigh

5:00 to 7:00	Supper for anyone who wishes to attend with special emphasis on South Africa and Honduras mission efforts.
7:15 to 9:15	Opening General Session, featuring Tony Campolo

Saturday, January 29
Forest Hills Church, Raleigh

9:00 to 11:00	General Session, featuring Phil Downer
11:10 to 12 noon	Mission Action Conferences
12 noon to 1:00	Box Lunch served from the Disaster Relief Unit (suggested donations of $3 or more per person will be received in the meal line)
12 noon to 3:00 p.m.	Mission Fair Exhibits
1:00 to 1:50	Mission Action Conferences
2:00 to 2:50	Mission Action Conferences
3:00 to 5:00	General Session, featuring Tony Campolo
5:00 to 7:00	Supper for anyone who wishes to attend.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

A number of hotels have agreed to give a special convention rate for the Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention. Contact NCBM office for a list of these hotels: 1-800-395-5102, ext. 325.

COST:

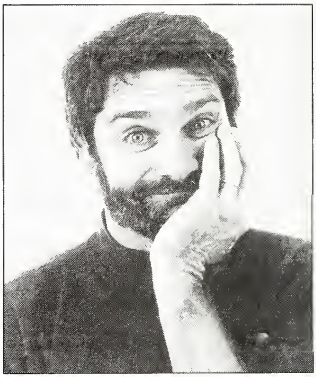
No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received Friday night and Saturday to help offset the program expense.

$6.50 — Friday supper focusing on South Africa and Honduras

$6.50 — Saturday supper

Childcare:

Childcare will be provided for children ages two months to five years of age. Contact Baptist Men's office by January 15 if you would like childcare provided for your child.



Curt Cloninger

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men and women, not just members of a church Brotherhood organization. Please register by using the reservation form on page five.

RESERVATION FORM

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention

Complete and return by January 10. Please make check payable to NCBM and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

Name _____

Address _____

City Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

_____ @ $6.50 per person — Friday supper, Forest Hills Church

_____ @ $6.50 per person — Saturday supper, Forest Hills Church

$ _____Total Enclosed

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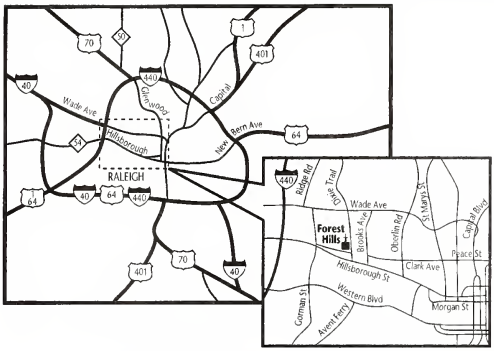


Refugees

North Carolina Baptist Men and the Immigration Ministries Office of the North American Mission Board are working in cooperation to help churches become light in the darkness of refugees. Since 1962 Southern Baptists have resettled over 30,300 refugees. In 1997 the United States hosted 491,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. There were 546 of this number who were resettled by Southern Baptists. Most of the resettled refugees were from the Ukraine. However, many other countries are represented such as Cuba, Liberia, Laos, and Serbo-Croatia.

Churches average spending $3000 to resettle a refugee/family. This cost can be reduced by the number of donations of food, clothing, and housing. Time intensity for the first month will be great. As the family adapts they will become more and more self-sufficient. Sponsor developers for refugee resettlement note that a church can expect to be much less involved at the end of six months. Communication is a major concern for most people, however, an interpreter is usually available. Most people learn to communicate in some fashion when necessary. Legal concerns need not become an issue. According to the NAMB publication, "On Mission With God Among Future Americans," "There has never been a lawsuit in any Southern Baptist resettlement case."

To be involved in the lives of people from around the world, first consult with your pastor. Second, involve the church in the decision making — they will need to vote to become a refugee sponsor. Lastly, contact Gaylon Moss, (800) 395-5102 x 333, gmoss@bscnc.org, at North Carolina Baptist Men for a "Sponsorship Information Form." Complete the Sponsorship Information Form and return to Gaylon Moss. Or, contact the North American Mission Board for the same form.

Prepare now for the next crisis.

Mission Statement

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

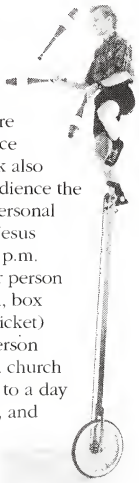
ACC Football/Wake Forest Vs Georgia Tech November 20, 1999

Church Day is being sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University. Tickets will be mailed to you around the end of October. The deadline to receive ticket orders in the office is Friday, November 5.

Where? Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem

When? Saturday, November 20, 1999

What? Program, 12:50 p.m. — LJVM Coliseum; Mark Lippard, Special Guest—Mark's show includes comedy, juggling, trick unicycling, fire eating and audience participation. Mark also shares with his audience the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; Game 3:30 p.m.



Cost? $12 per person (includes program, box lunch, and game ticket)

Who? Any person who comes with a church group is welcome to a day of inspiration, fun, and football

Appalachian Mountain Ministry

Appalachian Mountain Ministry has been called into existence by state conventions of the Appalachian region. The AMM purpose statement is: "The Appalachian Mountain Ministry is an intentional missions response to the spiritual and physical needs of persons living in the Appalachian region to: mobilize Southern Baptists and their resources; provide ministries to evangelize the lost; strengthen existing churches; and start new churches in the multi-state region of Appalachia."

The statistical makeup of the Appalachian Mountain Ministry region is: 9 states, 262 counties, 10 SBC conventions, 119 associations, 4,258 SBC churches, 931,470 resident members of SBC churches, 15,675,597 est. 1997 total population.

You may participate in this ministry by contacting Gaylon Moss for an application. Or, if you live in the NC Appalachian region, encourage your pastor or Association Missionary to generate a request for volunteers to do ministry in your area. Ask for the request form to be sent to your pastor or Associational leadership.

Appalachian Mountain Ministry
A Southern Baptist Ministry

Contact: Gaylon Moss, NC State Coordinator, Appalachian Mountain Ministry, 800-395-5102 x 333 • fax 919-460-6329 • gmoss@bscnc.org

New Men's Ministry Manual Available

North Carolina Baptist Men are committed to seeing men grow in Christ and serve in His name. For many years we have majored in hands-on mission opportunities for men to be involved in. We will continue to do this. But we also see the need for men to develop their spiritual lives in other ways, including men's Bible study groups, prayer groups, and book discussion groups. We want men to be able to comfortably share their testimonies and to be able to lead others to Christ as they travel across the state and around the world on mission. We also want men to have the opportunity for meaningful fellowship.

Sid Woodruff, Men's Ministry Consultant for Lifeway Christian Resources (formerly the SBC Sunday School Board), has compiled a manual called *Drawing Men to God.* He keys on four major areas of a successful men's ministry program: 1) evangelizing men to salvation and church membership; 2) establishing men to spiritual maturity; 3) equipping men for ministry; and 4) extending men on mission. The manual gives many helpful suggestions on having a well-rounded men's ministry in your church. Cost of the manual is $12.95. It is available at Lifeway Christian Bookstores, or by calling Lifeway at 800-458-2772.

A goal of each men's program should be to involve as many men as possible. Different men will be attracted to different aspects of the program. Offering many different entry points for growth, ministry, and missions will help ensure that the greatest number of men in your church and community become involved. North Carolina Baptist Men would like to help you think about new ways to reach more men with your Men's Ministry Program.

Associational Training Events Planned

The following is a list of associational training sessions that have been planned for the fall of 1999. Listed is the association, time, and what classes will be offered (RA=Royal Ambassadors; CH=Challengers; BM=Baptist Men's Ministries). Please call the associational office for exact location of training and for updates, or call NCBM at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335. If for some reason you cannot attend the training in your own association, or if it is not offered, you may be able to attend at an association near you.

Date	Association	Time	Class
September			
9	Rowan (Salisbury)	* 6:15 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
11	Raleigh (Raleigh)	9:00 – 11:00 am	BM CH RA
13	Sandy Creek (Siler City)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM RA
13	Surry (Mt. Airy)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM RA
14	Pee Dee (Rockingham)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
16	South Yadkin (Statesville)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
20	Gaston (Gastonia)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
21	Yates (Durham)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM RA
27	Cabbarus (Concord)	7:00 – 9:30 pm	BM CH RA
27	Haywood (Waynesville)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	
30	Brushy Mountain (Wilkesboro)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
October			
4	Randolph (Asheboro)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
5	Wilmington (Wilmington)	* 6:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
12	Catawba River (Morganton)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
12	Johnston (Smithfield)	7:00 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA
November			
2	New River (Jacksonville)	7:30 – 9:00 pm	BM CH RA

(A meal will be served before this conference)*

Alaska Partnership Opportunities

NC Baptists will enter into a three-year Partnership with Alaskan Baptists beginning January 2000. There is a great deal of excitement concerning this new Partnership from both North Carolinians and Alaskans. At the time of this writing, many details are in the process of being worked out. The following are often-asked questions and answers concerning the Alaska Partnership:

1. How much will it cost round-trip to Alaska? We have asked travel agents to give us bids on a contract rate. Once we have that settled we will offer this rate to those who want to take advantage of it.

2. Do you have any requests already being made? If so, what? Request forms are being circulated to Alaskan Baptist leaders during the months of July, August, and September. By the end of October we will have compiled an initial list of requests. The list will be summarized and available at the Baptist State Convention meeting in November. It will also be sent to churches and associational offices. Initial indications are that there will be requests for construction, evangelism, church planting, leadership development, church program development, student ministries, and others.

3. Do you know what system will be used to fill the requests? All Partnership requests will be submitted to Wade Henry, Alaska's partnership coordinator. He will then send requests to Mark Abernathy in the NC Partnership Office. A list of requests will be made available to churches and associations. The Partnership Office will work to match church groups, associational teams, or individuals, with specific projects on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a project request is filled, Wade Henry will be informed.

4. What will groups or individuals need to do? All Partnership volunteers will need to fill out a one-page application and turn it in to the Partnership Office along with a small fee (approx. $15). This will cover trip insurance, orientation materials, and a Partnership T-shirt for each participant. All groups and individuals will need to communicate exact dates of

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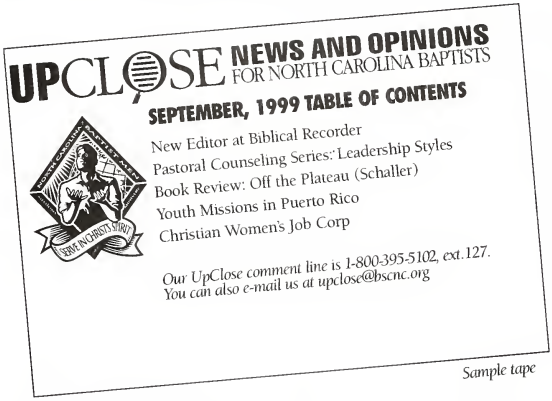
travel to the Partnership Office. Those who wish to take advantage of the contract airfare rate will then send payment for airline tickets. The Partnership Office will order tickets and have them delivered to the team leader or individual.

5. Will there be a designated time limit for the projects or will it vary according to the kind of project being done? Each project will vary as far as time, number of participants, on-site logistics, and therefore, overall price. We plan to establish a set price for flight into Anchorage, Fairbanks, and hopefully, Juneau. There may be project requests that require in-state flights to more remote places. If so, this will be in addition to the cost of the original flights. The request form will be specific as to what kind of accommodations will be available for volunteers (housing, food, transportation, etc.) This will hopefully allow groups or individuals time to make an informed decision on which projects they are best suited to respond to.

We anticipate this being a fruitful Partnership for both Alaska and North Carolina Baptists and look forward to working with each of you as we seek to minister in Christ's name.

Baptist Men's Edition Of Upclose Is Available For Free To Church Brotherhood Directors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Our UpClose comment line is 1-800-395-5102, ext.127.
You can also e-mail us at upclose@bscnc.org
Sample tape

Beginning this October there will be a Baptist Men's edition of UPCLOSE that will be available for free for Church Brotherhood Directors. UPCLOSE "a magazine for your ears" includes current Baptist news, special mission and ministry stories, a bulletin board of dates, and an entertaining story each month. The monthly audiocassette is similar in format to a radio newscast and highlights dates of interest to Baptist Men and others in church missions and ministry programs. You can listen to UPCLOSE on your car audiocassette player, or use it as part of a church mission meeting.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of UPCLOSE, please check the appropriate item on the slip below and return this form to: Robin Morgan, Media Resource Center, Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

(Clip and return)

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FREE OF CHARGE

❑ Yes, I would like to receive the Baptist Men's Edition of UPCLOSE audiocassette

❑ I am a Church Brotherhood Director

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

I am a member of _____

(church, city and association)

Help Us Light Up The Face Of A Child This Christmas

Dear Friend,

Christmas is quickly approaching, and I would like to ask you, as a North Carolina Baptist, to join me in sharing the joy of this season with suffering children worldwide. Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse delivers the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of children with gift-filled shoe boxes and Gospel literature.

The concept is simple — caring people fill boxes with small gifts and send them to our collection centers. We process the boxes and deliver them to kids devastated by war, poverty and disease. You can help by volunteering at our Charlotte Processing Center on the North Carolina Baptist Men's Day, December 11. You can also participate by filling a box yourself — this is especially fun for children under 13, who are too young to volunteer.

We have seen thousands of children and their families come to Christ through this project, and I hope you will join us in further advancing His Kingdom. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

Cut and mail or fax to the Operation Christmas Child Carolinas office by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

YES, I want to volunteer!

Since the Charlotte Processing volunteer schedule can fill up quickly, be sure to send your form in as soon as possible so that efforts can be made to schedule you and /or your group for your requested time(s).

❑ I will volunteer on North Carolina Baptist Men's Day (December 11) at the Charlotte Processing Center. *(All North Carolina Baptists, including women and youth over 13 years of age, are invited to participate in this event.)*

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. all day (circle all that apply)

- *If other times preferred, please specify:* _____
- *The Charlotte Processing Center will operate November 19 through late December, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

Due to the warehouse environment, it is the policy of Operation Christmas Child at the Charlotte Processing Center that volunteers must be a minimum age of 13 years old, with no exceptions due to grade/group level or any other circumstance or reason. This is an enforced policy adhered to at all times during the Charlotte Processing Center season. Groups age 13-18 are to be chaperoned at a preferred ratio of 4:1. Children age 12 and under, will be asked to leave the Processing Center upon arrival unless on a scheduled and supervised tour. Tours, by appointment only, are available for groups age 12 and under on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Please tell us about yourself:

Name:	Church Name:
Address:	Church Address:
City:	City:
State: Zip:	State: Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Phone:
Evening Phone:	Fax:
Fax:	

Number of persons volunteering: _____
(If your church or group has a special hat or T-shirt that would identify you, please wear it)

Leader's name *(If different from above)*: _____
Please have someone from your group contact us for directions, map, accommodations information, etc.

For volunteer scheduling, collection and materials information, or for presentations at any time throughout the year, please contact the Carolinas office: Operation Christmas Child Carolinas Office 2101 Carmel Rd Charlotte NC 28226-6399. Phone: (704) 366-3269 Fax (704) 366-5992 E-mail: jmauldin@samaritan.org www.samaritan.org

Farm Field Day A Success

The NC Baptist Men's Demonstration Farm Field Day was held on June 12. Several people who participated in the "Ministering to the Hungry — Hands-on Agricultural Workshop" in April came to see the results of the seeds and plants they planted as part of the workshop. A real treat was wagon rides provided by Joe Jones and his fine team of Belgium Draft Horses. Joe is the Agricultural Missions Coordinator for Region 3.

Part of the annual demonstration farm field day was the opportunity to see some of the vegetables that were planted during the Agricultural Hands-on Workshop conducted on April 10. These portable gardens, sometimes called rooftop or patio gardens, built in half of an old tire, were done by participants during the Hands-on Workshop.

This was one of several groups of children and adults that enjoyed wagon rides at the Demonstration Farm Field Day on Saturday June 12. The Belgium Draft Horses and wagon are owned and managed by Joe Jones who is Agricultural Missions Coordinator for Region 3.

Honduras Agricultural Assessment

An agricultural assessment team consisting of Jim Canterberry, Chris Ingram, and W.E. "Pete" Lane went to Honduras in May. Their objective was to assess the agricultural damages caused by Hurricane Mitch and to determine what North Carolina volunteers could do to help the people of Honduras. The team was assisted by Roberto Rodriquez who helps coordinate all the Baptist volunteer work in southern Honduras. Chris Ingram, an agricultural missionary in Uruguay was on furlough and served as the team's interpreter with the assistance of Roberto who speaks good English.

The assessment team found that the immediate overall agricultural need was money to purchase corn, rice, sorghum, and bean seeds for planting. Normally the Honduras farmer's last crop is harvested for seed. Hurricane Mitch destroyed most of the last crop with flooding and mud slides and in some cases the seed rotted in the field because of the prolonged rains and damp weather following the hurricane. Money was also needed for additional fertilizer to help compensate for the loss of valuable humus washed away by the heavy rains during Mitch.

There is an opportunity for North Carolina volunteers to provide technical assistance to teach and demonstrate how to prepare raised beds, composting, and bucket-drip irrigation for growing vegetables during the dry season. Long term needs include a demonstration project for raising milk-goats and chickens, both layers and broilers. Hopefully, next year there will be an opportunity for volunteers to implement these projects.

Jim Canterberry
State Agriculture Missions Coordinator
1325 Mellon Court
Cary, NC 27511
(919) 467-3126

Roberto Rodriquez and Pete Lane (in cap) discussing agricultural needs with some of the people in the village of El Rodeo.

Chris Ingram discussing Hurricane Mitch damage with a Hondiras farmer who was planting corn. The pole that the farmer is holding is equipped with a metal blade that is used to make a small slot in which to place the corn see. The seed is carried in the box strapped on the farmer's belt.

A typical cornfield in Honduras. The farmer in the background is planting corn using a stick equipped with a metal blade for making a small hole in which he drops the seed.

AVIATION MINISTRY

Overwhelmed By A Flight

BY RICHARD KRUSE, ANGEL FLIGHT PILOT

Sunday, the 25th of April, was my first opportunity to "fly" an Angel Flight mission. Thursday of that week I was contacted by Allene of Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic, to see if I was available. Kelp Armstrong and I had finished getting my paperwork straight on Tuesday and I was a little surprised to hear from them just two days later.

Did I say "surprised", yes I was and also a little apprehensive. The weather was supposed to be clearing but the area of rain and overcast was quite extensive.

My leg was the second of four. The first coming from Manteo, NC to Rock Hill, SC, just south of Charlotte, where I keep my plane. My leg was to go to PDK Airport, Atlanta, GA, and the next two legs would complete the trip to Houston, TX. My partner in the plane, Paul Fischer, offered to fly along. I'm glad he did. We ended up in solid IFR conditions almost immediately after talk-off from Rock Hill, and broke out around 300' above minimums in Atlanta with 4nm and haze.

Our passengers, John and Rita Houtchens of Manteo, NC, arrived right on time, flown in by Craig Cox of Fayetteville, NC. John is a cancer patient and had quite a bit of difficulty getting into and out of the Pipers that Craig and I fly. It turned out that all four of the planes were basically the same. One PA-181 Warrior, our Arrow, and then two Dakotas. John never complained. He apologized for his slowness of getting into and out of the planes. It looked to me as if he were quite uncomfortable, but kept assuring us that he was just fine and how much they were enjoying the flights. He even complimented me on the landing in Atlanta, he knows how to get to a pilot's heart.

The next leg was about an hour late arriving due to IFR conditions and heavy traffic. John and Rita were greeted warmly by Harlos Guyton and his flight instructor and they got under way. Paul and I had decided that we were not going to depart PDK until John and Rita were taken care of. We ended up departing about 15 minutes behind them due to the very long delays on departure. It was back into solid IFR at 1,800 feet and broke out on the descent into Rock Hill.

I am still feeling very overwhelmed by the aspects of the flight on several accounts: that John and Rita would put their complete trust in total strangers flying single engine planes in IFR (John slept most of the way while Rita slept and read a novel.); that I had finally been able to

do something very good with a hobby—better term is a passion—and been able to put all the hours of training to use; that John is only eight years older than I and fighting his cancer, and that I had had cancer surgery less than a year ago and still worry if it will return; that John is close to the age of my Dad when he died of complications from his cancer treatment and had been a flyer up until his treatment started; and here I was doing something that I could feel very good about and know that my Dad would be proud of me also.

I'm looking forward to being able to serve as PIC for another flight in the near future. You will feel as blessed as I was when you take the time and make the effort to assist through NCBM Aviation Ministry.

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CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Sports And Experiencing God Are Ways To Minister In Prisons

Two areas of ministry in Correctional institutions that I have been in prayer for have been met.

June 17 and 18, the Baptist Student Union and NCBM High School (international) Basketball Team conducted clinics on fundamentals and competition at the C. A. Dillion School for Boys in Butner. This institution is for boys ages 14 through 18. In addition to conducting the clinics/competition, the team was allowed to openly share the gospel of Jesus Christ. After overcoming some organizational problems, the clinics were well received with hopes of a repeat next year. Thanks to the guys and Johnny Childers for making this possible.

On June 4-6, an Experiencing God Weekend was held at the Rowan Correctional Center in Salisbury. Please read the letter from Tom Turner on the next page:

"One does not have to go overseas to minister in an entirely different culture. It can be done in your own area in a correctional facility. On June 4-6, 1999, the Thomasboro Church in Charlotte sponsored an Experiencing God Weekend at the Rowan Correctional Center in Salisbury. Members of the team were mostly from the Thomasboro Church and included their pastor, chairman of deacons, and Pete Grigg (704-263-2090) who served as coordinator for the weekend. Other team members included Bob Foy (704-664-6422) and John Truitt (910-256-3292) who served as weekend coordinators for NC Baptist Men, as well as Tom Turner (828-689-5413) who served as the teacher for the weekend.

At the Sunday night evaluation service at the Center, most of the inmates who participated in the weekend testified of the impact of the weekend on their lives. The most significant effect of the weekend will undoubtedly result from the relatively large number of inmates now taking the 13-week Experiencing God course at the center led by Pete Grigg.

One team member commented that he had never been in a small group setting that was so receptive to God being at work around them. Another team member said he would always remember the weekend as a special time in his life. C. S. Lewis and others have pointed out that there is indeed, something special about ministry behind bars.

We are grateful for the impact of these weekends on the inmates, but we are equally grateful for its effect on the team and on the church involved. The fields are, indeed, white unto harvest in our prisons. If you have any questions about this ministry, do not hesitate to call one of the men and numbers listed above. If you do not know where to find a prison in your area, give a call to one of those listed as well or contact Rex Everhart."

To Tom, Bob, John, Pete, and the rest of the team members, thanks and ain't God totally awesome!!! Please be in tune as to how God can use you and your church's ministry to "visit" those in prison.

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State Correctional Ministry Coordinator
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DISASTER RELIEF

Personal Disaster Relief Ministry

Read Luke 10: 25-37 National Disaster Relief, State Disaster Relief, Local Disaster Relief, and now personal disaster relief. The Disaster Relief Ministry of North Carolina has grown and branched out into other ministries. What was a feeding ministry only in Texas in 1969 has now grown to at least 33 states across America. In NC, feeding ministry has created an opening for a wide range of ministries such as Disaster Recovery, Child Care, and a Shower Unit. Local feeding units and State feeding units complement one another in providing food for disaster victims.

But none of the aforementioned response units are any good when it comes to personal disasters. Death, sickness, and individual catastrophe, not to mention humiliation and mistakes, are ever more destructive and personal than a "Fran-sized" hurricane. They are personal attacks on one's well-being. Neither American Red Cross, North Carolina Emergency Management, nor North Carolina Baptist Men can respond to such tragedies.

So, prepare yourself for personal disaster relief assistance. No volunteer coordinator will call you, no organization will organize you, no institution will pay for your expenses, you probably won't even receive any recognition. But as we have learned from the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus sees those who practice mercy.

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Home Mission Projects

Many of us have experienced a long, hot and dry summer. With record setting temperatures, it has been difficult at times getting routine work done at our own homes and churches. Let's not let the dry weather also cause us to have dry times in our spiritual lives, robbing us of blessings God has in store for us when we do His work. God calls us to go in His name. He has given us the ability to do many things. He expects us to use those gifts in service to Him. Let us find some time in our life to do the work to which He calls us. Sometimes God calls us to go alone and not wait upon a group. Some Homeland projects that can use your time and abilities are as follow:

Loves Creek Hispanic Mission: Siler City

The faithful group continues to work on this new church building every Saturday. God has continued to provide funds for this work, as workers have made themselves available to do the work. The sheet rock will soon be finished. Workers are needed this fall to help with the finish carpentry, painting, interior trim, finishing wiring, HVAC, plumbing and floor covering. David Ritter welcomes all of you to come and help him complete this project. David Ritter can be reached at (919) 742-4575 or you may call Roy Helms at (919) 742-4821 (church) or (919) 742-4298 (home).

Unity Baptist Church: Hallsboro (Columbus Association)

This project is now underway. Unity is a growing mission church that is in need of a new facility. The church is contracting a company to construct a steel

frame building. By mid-September they will need volunteers to help with painting, constructing the pulpit area (platform), putting in kitchen cabinets and counter tops, and other finish work. The church could also use help laying the brick for the building. Pastor Richard Reed is the contact person. Please call him at (910) 640-2051 (church) or (910) 642-6597 (home) to volunteer.

Wiggins Road Baptist Church: Mooresville

This growing church in South Yadkin association is looking to expand. Sheet rock workers are needed immediately. By early September, volunteers will be needed to help with the flooring, electrical, light finish work, and others. Please contact Gene Dellinger to help with this project: (704) 664-9150.

NC Baptist Assembly: Caswell

After the summer camping season, work again begins on the many projects that are necessary to maintain and improve this wonderful facility that God has given NC Baptists. Many faithful individuals and groups have helped with this very important work over the years. The list of needs is long and the staff at the Assembly needs your help this winter. The Assembly will provide housing for your group and will provide your meals at a very reasonable cost when you come to work. They can use your help even if you can only go and work on Saturdays. To schedule you and/or your group to work, call David Lloyd or John Bowling at (910) 278-9501. God will bless you as you go to this very special place.

Mundo Vista, GA Camp: Asheboro

With your dedicated work and God's help, this renovation project can be completed before camping season next year. Work is progressing slowly, as the cabins are made usable year-round. These buildings take on a new purpose as bathrooms, doors, windows, insulation, paneling, new wiring, paint, heating and air conditioning are added. Please take some time during your busy schedule to go and help complete this exciting project. To schedule times to work, contact Bob Wainwright at (919) 693-5005 or Bob Navey at the camp (336) 625-4823.

Joshua House, Western Carolina Mission: Asheville

God provides work for us to do in the mountains as well as the piedmont and at the beach. The addition to this mission in Asheville will help provide more space to meet the needs of some of the most needy people in Western North Carolina. All kinds of skills are needed on this project. Work is progressing slowly, but each time you visit, more work has been accomplished. To schedule work times on this project, contact William Tyler or Bob Cummings at (828) 254-0471.

Handyman Ministries: Everywhere, NC

For those who are unable to go to other places, there are always needs within your own church and community. Now is a good time for you and/or your Baptist Men's group to help meet the needs of people in your community. You can begin this fall by helping rake leaves, clean out gutters, repair plumbing, do minor electrical repairs. The list could go on forever for those who need your help. If you would like some suggestions about how to organize a Handyman ministry in your church, contact the Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102 or call Bill Poindexter at (919) 542-3819.

Baptist Student Union at NC Colleges & Universities

There are many minor and major repair needs at the BSU buildings across the state. These projects can provide your Baptist Men's group an opportunity to do missions close to your home. To receive more information about the location of the campus ministry nearest you, as well as their needs, call Kay Huggins at (800) 395-5102 ext. 221 or (919) 782-2450

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Mamie loves to read, and is catching up on the schooling she lost during her turmoil. (Photo, story by Norman Jameson)

CARING FAMILY SAVES MAMIE, SHE REBELS

Mamie's dad killed her dog, so she believed him when he said he would kill her friends if she ever told them of the way he was abusing her.

She was four.

Mamie's grandmother had asked her church friends, George and Linda, to take Mamie to Sunday School. At first, Mamie's father wouldn't let her go because she had been dancing on tables with him at the bar until too far into the morning.

Eventually, he brought Mamie to George and Linda earlier each week, getting them to care for her. When she was three and weighed just 23 pounds, he told them to keep Mamie because "she ate too much."

Later, Mamie's father was arrested for the abuse. One night when he was awaiting trial, he came to George and Linda's house with the stated intent of killing them and Mamie. George was able to subdue him, while Mamie, as rehearsed, hid in a clothes hamper lined with blanket, pillow and flashlight.

George, 70 and Linda, 51, believing "every child deserves a childhood," took Mamie in and raised her as their own. As she grew, Mamie pressed the boundaries of the Hogan's love and became difficult to manage.

In 1993 Linda was diagnosed with diabetes and was barely mobile.

"When she got sick I could get away with things," says Mamie, now living at Moody Home, a structured value change home for girls in Franklin. "I'd do things and run away.

"Little bitty things started getting worse. I would take things from mom and hide them. The boundaries loosened when mom got sick. I tried to push the boundaries a little further and a little further, to see how far I could push before they snapped.

"Finally, they couldn't take it anymore."

The last straw came when George had a heart attack in January 1996. They simply could not continue to care for the rebellious teen. Mamie came into care first at Broyhill Home, then the more structured Moody Home, when her simmering anger over events from her earlier life boiled over.

"I was mad deep inside over things I hadn't dealt with yet," she said. "I thought I had it under control. After so long, I thought I'd finally figured it out. I guess I hadn't."

But she's getting closer. She's learned that not only was George willing to die for her, but so was Jesus. She's taking that knowledge forward to a nursing career.

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10 Myths about Unmarried Pregnancies

Since 1970, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina has operated a maternity home in Asheville to give young mothers-to-be a place to consider their futures, and those of their babies. Even while the number of births to unmarried women has climbed to include more than one-third of all births, myths about the young mothers prevail. Here are some myth breaking ideas from just-retired Maternity Home workers Aubrey and Patsy Folk:

1 **Those girls come from "bad" families.**
"Our first girl was a missionary kid from Africa and one of our last ones was another. We had preacher's daughters, doctor's daughters and business men's daughters, honor roll students and college graduates."

2 **Unmarried mothers are so young they don't know any better.**
"We took care of a 35-year-old woman who had a son in high school and a 25-year-old military veteran who, after several abortions, was convicted she should keep her baby instead of kill it."

3 **Unwed mothers-to-be are embarrassed by their condition.**
"When we first came to Baptist Maternity Home in 1990 that was mostly true and almost all of the girls had been 'sent away' from home to keep scandal down. But now it is probably only one girl in 50 that seeks confidentiality."

4 **The younger the father the more irresponsible he is.**
"There is not a strict pattern. One 13-year-old boy called the 14-year-old girl four times a day and came to see her at every opportunity, even though his mother had to drive him. On the other hand we had a professional man in his 40's who insisted that his girlfriend not only keep everything secret and give up the baby but also have a tubal ligation. She did all that for him, even though she desperately wanted to keep the baby--then he married someone else."

5 **The girls' parents want nothing to do with the baby.**
"Actually most are excited about becoming grandparents. This parallels the change in attitude about confidentiality. If there is no social stigma to embarrass them, they can just love the child. Even many of those who are angry and hostile toward the baby before it is born change once they see their grandson or granddaughter."

6 **The mothers aren't very bright.**
"It is true that many of them don't have a lot of education, though quite a few are are college students. But lack of education does not equal lack of intelligence. Girls who are still in school are not allowed to drop out. We can't force the drop-outs to study for a GED, but we strongly encouraged that."

7 **Anger is the primary emotion the unwed mothers feel.**
"Anger may come later but the biggest emotional issue is the sense of rejection they feel. About 99 per cent of the boys/men deny they are the father. Most claim to be sterile! So the girls feel abandoned and isolated--especially when, as many times happens--the guy winds up getting another girl pregnant."

8 **These "caught in adultery" have a lot to learn from Christians but nothing to teach.**
"Every resident made a highly moral, God-honoring choice by refusing, despite pressure of secular society, their boyfriends and often their families, to have an abortion. That is something to celebrate. And those who give their babies up for adoption because they know they can't provide a good life for that child know more about how God loves than we can ever imagine."

9 **Maternity home residents empathize with teens who abandon babies in dumpsters.**
"The opposite is true. When they see or hear about that happening they remark 'I don't see how they can do that.' They don't have much mercy for them--that's not the way you treat your baby."

10 **There are better ways the church could spend money.**
"Jesus says in Matthew 25 if we do good things for the least powerful people we are doing good things to Him. Most of these girls are homeless when they come to us or would be out on the streets soon."

Angela Puts Anger Behind To Move On

Angela has no time for anger anymore.

Even if the 1999 Thomasville High School graduate and Mills Home resident had not dealt with the issues that kept her emotions boiling, she'd have to pencil anger into her calendar.

On school days Angela was up by 6:30 a.m. and went non-stop until midnight, taking classes, pulling duty as a law office intern, then moving on to Kentucky Fried Chicken, then Wendy's for five-hour shifts.

Her last break? "I went to Disney World in the Spring of 1998 as part of the high school chorus. (She was a featured soloist)."

One reason she's working so hard is so she doesn't have to work during her school terms at Pfeiffer College. "College isn't like high school," she says. "I'll need to really concentrate on my studies."

Angela has concentration down to an art, which is why she lives on the A-B honor roll and earned faculty recognition in both English and chorus last year.

After Pfeiffer, she's locked her focus on a law degree from the University of North Carolina-Central.

Even the career path-of-choice reflects the maturity and self-control she has painfully acquired over her four-year stay at Mills Home. "My first choice was to be a professional singer," she explains. "But everybody has their dreams and I decided to work toward becoming a lawyer. I haven't given up the dream but I can work on that on the side while I'm in college and maybe more after I'm out of school and making a living."

Angela worked two jobs and interned at a lawyer's office while earning honor roll grades at Thomasvile High School. (Story by Craig Bird. Photo by Norman Jameson)

The realization she will be on her own is one of the demons Angela has dealt with. "I had a real anger problem when I came," she admits freely. "I was dealing with lots of things and I liked to fight."

Her social worker helped Angela deal with her destructive anger. "She had a group where we got together and talked about what was bothering us and how we could and should respond," she says. "That helped me to know I could talk to people who understood some of my feelings."

"Everybody has someone out there they can count on–they just need to find that person," says Angela. "And they need to have faith. It is tough to be in care, but I tell my friends here to be patient. Stay strong. Brighter days are coming."

Baptist Children's Homes Preparation for Adult Living program has built on such a reality-based foundation. "I don't let things bother me anymore. It doesn't do any good." And she has other things to do with her time.

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- Declare "100 Hugs Day." Count.
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10 Ways You Can Be Involved

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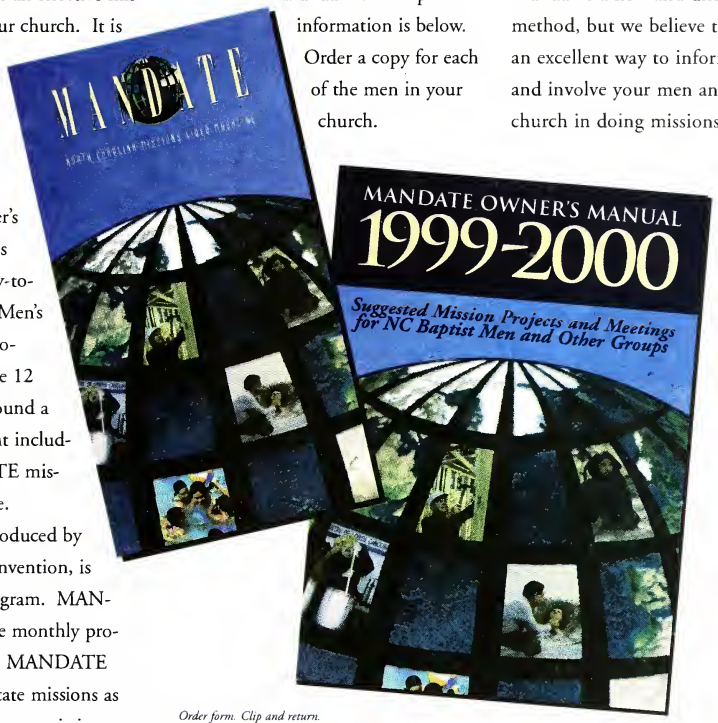

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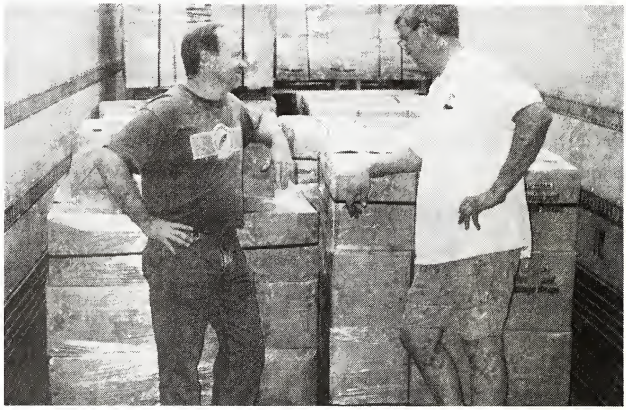
Food Boxes Sent to Honduras

On Sunday afternoon, June 6 and Monday morning, June 7, Baptists from across North Carolina brought food boxes packed with rice, black beans, flour, Maseca meal, and powdered milk, to six collection points across the state. Baptist Men's groups, WMU groups, Sunday School classes, and individuals collected and brought in a total of 2653 boxes! This was well over our goal of 2500.

This food has now arrived in Honduras and is being distributed from the Baptist Seminary in Tegucigalpa. It will go to aid those whose lives have been affected by Hurricane Mitch in southern Honduras. IMB missionary Larry Elliot (a NC native) works with the National Baptist Convention of Honduras in distributing the food to central locations across southern Honduras. Once there, local Baptist churches distribute the food to families who have been affected by the flooding, and who are giving their time to help others rebuild homes in their community (making cement blocks, building foundations, maintaining supply routes, etc.) One box of food will supplement a family of four for approximately one month.



Many thanks to those who helped make this happen. Thank you for your hours of promotion, coordination, hard work, and prayer! NC Baptists always respond in inspiring fashion! Please continue to pray for the Honduran people, as this will be a poor growing season for most. Pray that the message of God's love will accompany each box. Pray also for our many volunteers who continue to travel to Honduras to minister in Christ's name.

Honduras Relief Efforts Continue Through 2000

Recap of 1999:

North Carolina Baptists have responded to the need in Honduras in miraculous ways during the first half of 1999. As of the end of July, 561 men and women (51 teams) have served in southern Honduras. Working in teams of 10-12, most have constructed block homes alongside families who were victimized by Hurricane Mitch last fall. Working in areas that were particularly hard hit, NC Baptists are making a difference. Over 50 homes have been constructed thus far. Each team works in conjunction with a local Honduran Baptist church. It is the churches who identify the needs and direct the work. Members of the family whose house

is being constructed also work with the teams in most cases – making block, mixing mud, carrying block, etc. This makes the effort a true 'partnership' and not just a handout. Teams have enjoyed worship in the local churches, and have had chances to share their faith there, as well as in house dedication services. Max Furr, long-time IMB missionary and North Carolina native, says that many Hondurans were greatly affected by the disaster and are especially open to the gospel at this time.

Five medical teams have also served in Honduras this year. These teams have gone to more remote areas where health care is rare or virtually non-existent. Each team has seen anywhere from 800-1200 patients come through the clinics. Once again, these teams have worked alongside Honduran Baptists, who put in much time laying the groundwork for these clinics to take place. The love of Christ has been openly shared with those who have come seeking physical help.

Plans for 2000:

The National Baptist Convention of Honduras and our IMB missionaries have invited us to once again work alongside them in the year 2000. North Carolina Baptist Men has scheduled 101 mission trips to Honduras for 2000. Ten of these will be designated as medical teams. Each medical team must have three doctors (dentists and eye doctors are also needed), three fluent translators, three-four nurses, and one-two helpers.

The balance of teams will continue building block houses for those who lost their homes due to Mitch. Construction teams need to have at least two people who can lay block and at least one person who is fluent in Spanish. Block layers do not have to be professional, but do need to know enough so that they can lead the other team members in this process. Construction teams may also want to consider bringing one or two people to work with the many children who will gather at the work site (VBS etc.). If this is the case, the team must have a fluent translator.

The price for the trip will remain at $750 per person. This will include round-trip airfare, food, lodging, insurance, ground transportation, orientation materials, and t-shirt. Applications are available from the NC Baptist Men's Office. Church teams, associational teams, and individuals interested in serving in Honduras during 2000. should contact Mark Abernathy at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335 to begin the process.

North Carolina Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship

June 25 and 26, 1999 were red-letter days for the North Carolina Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship. We held our first official meeting as a Fellowship at New Hope Church in Raleigh. Lay Renewal workers and supporters attending the meeting heard Reid and Phyllis Hardin give testimonies and messages on "I Have Been Renewed" and "In His Hands." We were inspired by Roy J. Smith with "I Saw Lay Renewal at Work" on Friday night and James Royston with "A Vision for Lay Renewal" on Saturday morning.

God has gifted each of us in many different ways. Libby Smith and Susan Ross presented two variations of the "Gospel through Mime." Each of these ladies has a different style, yet they are both effective in presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ. This proves that, although the Holy Spirit may give each person a gift which is shared by another person, this gift is uniquely designed by God to suit the individual's persona and abilities. The entire group was blessed by these presentations as well as several songs performed by the Lay Renewal Fellowship Choir led by Vince Hamrick and accompanied by pianist Carol Hardee.

I would like to thank each of you who helped make this first meeting of the Fellowship a success: Bob Foy, Harry Harkey, Willing Heart, each person presenting a testimony or God-given gift, those presenting messages of encouragement, Ed Bullock and Lynn Tharrington for leadership, those at the Baptist Building behind the scenes, and especially the attendees, for you are the Fellowship. A very special thanks to Ken Altom and New Hope Church for hosting the first official annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship.

Listed below are the newly elected first-year officers

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New Testament Christianity In Action

During a Lay Witness Revival many years ago, I was teamed with a 12-year-old boy named John from the local church. The first visit we made that Saturday morning was with a 16-year-old teenager named Ricky, who had never made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. It was a beautiful spring morning, and we found Ricky shooting basketball goals in his back yard. After introducing ourselves and telling Ricky that we would like to share our Christian testimonies with him, he invited us into his home. It was such a pretty morning that we opted to sit on a grassy bank where John and I spoke about the plan of salvation. Ricky readily acknowledged that he was a sinner and that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose again the third day. We read Rev. 3:20 and Romans 10:9-10 and told Ricky that we would pray with him, but that we could not do his praying for him. As we knelt on the grass to pray, we

gave Ricky an opportunity to ask Jesus Christ to come into his heart and forgive him of his sin. John, the 12-year-old lad, began to pray and mentioned Ricky by name as he asked God to save him and begged Him for Ricky's soul. When Ricky heard John pray for him, it broke his heart, and it was all the encouragement he needed to pray and invite Jesus to come into his heart, forgive him of his sin and give him the strength to live for Christ from that moment on. During the invitation at the services that evening, Ricky made his decision public and presented himself as a candidate for baptism at the church.

At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon Ricky showed up at the church for witnessing/visitation. He took one of the team members to visit his best friend named Alex and shared with him what had happened to him the day before. As a result, Alex also made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That Sunday evening at the church we had a "round up" or testimonial service. I wish you could have been there!

John, the 12-year-old lad, shared what had happened to him that weekend as he had seen four people make decisions to accept and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, in his presence in the homes, and what that meant to him. Ricky stood up and shared what had happened to him the day before and the added joy of sharing Christ with his best friend. Before any invitation was given, Alex, who was seated near the back, stood up, and with tears coursing down his cheeks, was thanking and praising God that his best friend thought enough of him to come and share Jesus with him. Needless to say, Alex made his decision for Christ public before the body of Christ before the day was over.

I believe that this is a true picture of New Testament Christianity in action! I believe that the Lord would have all of us who have so freely received His Gift of Eternal Life and Salvation, to share our faith with others, to help and encourage someone else to have a personal relationship with the Savior. Whatever else we may do, I believe He wants us to be good witnesses to the relevancy of Jesus Christ in our own hearts and lives, and actively sharing our faith with others.

Through Lay-led Witnessing Revivals, Christian men and women in North Carolina and elsewhere are stimulating a spiritual awakening in the right direction. We are committed to the task of sharing Jesus Christ with those who need to hear, and to teach and train others to do the same thing. Putting it another way for emphasis, the job is to speak out of a heart of love and share a living relationship with our living Savior, so that another person can see Him more clearly and be drawn to HIM and not to us. This puts the emphasis on Christ and not on any set of mechanics.

To learn more abut how you and/or your church can become involved in this glorious and rewarding ministry, write or give us a call.

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RESORT AND LEISURE

Come One, Come All!

The first annual Christian Outdoorsman Retreat will be held at Caraway Conference Center, November 5-6, 1999.

It will be a weekend as big as all outdoors. Come and hear moving testimonies, great music, attend interesting seminars and experience great fellowship, all with other outdoorsman. On Saturday morning participate in the Sportsmen Skill's contests. The retreat will conclude with a delicious "wild game" lunch.

The retreat will begin with supper on Friday night. The cost is $45.00 per person; under 18 is $35 per person; commuters is $25 per person. (The cost includes lodging, meals, and program fee.)

The featured speaker Friday night will be Al Odom, founder of "Fishers of Men" National Bass Tournament Trail.

For registration information, contact Caraway Conference Center at (336) 629-2374. Deadline to register is October 5, 1999.

Medical Missions On The Top Of The World

There are no television sets in Chumatung, a remote farming village located at 13,500 feet in the Himalayan Mountains of northern India. Overhead, the moonless July sky is ablaze with stars. The Milky Way, rarely visible in the U.S., glows and lights up one horizon with the power of a billion suns. The shadowy outlines of surrounding snow-capped mountain peaks, some over 20,000 feet, remind us that we are in the presence of an awesome God.

The only sound now is from the rushing of the stream next to our campsite, its water consisting of near-frozen snowmelt that snakes down into the valley from a distant glacier. This part of the world is known as the Ladakh, but as one member of our team put is, we are precisely located about 100 miles past the Great Commission.

In just a few minutes, history will be made in the village. Earlier in the day, our 15-member medical-dental team had conducted a clinic set up at the small schoolhouse, treating 150 patients from Chumatung and smaller villages nearby. Some people had walked 10 or more kilometers to receive a packet of medicine or have a painful tooth pulled.

They also learned that the strange white people who had come from a distant land would be showing a video that evening called "The Jesus Movie," and all were invited.

By 8:30 p.m., I count about 200 people, many of them children, crowded around the television monitor set up next to our campsite. This is an amazing turnout, considering the total population of the area is about 300. For these people, this must be an entertainment event of the highest order.

One of our Ladakhy cooks has rigged a bare wire from the lone power line in the village to the VCR we had brought along. I pray that the television will work and that no one will be electrocuted in the process! Our setup certainly wouldn't pass American electrical codes, but then there are advantages to being out in the middle of nowhere.

Women carrying nursing infants and older children continue to stream into the campsite. They are fascinated by our little village of domed tents and the various under-

wear and socks dangling from our makeshift clothesline. We recognize many of the people from the clinic earlier that day.

Some of the children had already been introduced to the story of the gospel earlier in the day. During the medical clinic, our Indian Christian guide, Ramesh Landge, had conducted a session for the school children on God's plan of salvation, using special written materials in their Ladakhy language – all with the approval of the local headmaster and teachers.

This is the sixth year I have been serving as dentist, and the fifth year as team leader, for these Ladakh Medical Project trips. Each year we attempt to enter areas of the Himalayas previously unreached by Christians and boldly proclaim Christ. The Ladakh is situated along India's sensitive borders with Pakistan and China, and we have to obtain special permits to travel into many of the areas, usually under the watchful eye of the Indian military. Even now, Indian soldiers are fighting and dying just a few mountain ranges away in an attempt to dislodge Pakistan troops who have invaded Indian territory.

Starting from the main city of Leh, some of the trips require trekking with mules, horses and local guides to reach the most isolated villages. This year, we were able to travel by bus over a dusty, winding road along the Indus River, at a snail's pace, to our present location.

The Ladakh is unique in that no other place in the world contains such significant concentrations of people at such high altitudes. The gracious and humble Ladakhy people have features more Tibetan than Indian, and their sunburnt faces and wrinkled skin tell of a harsh and difficult life.

On some trips, our teams have to cross mountain passes as high as 18,500 feet to reach the more remote valleys. But the high altitude and desert climate create problems for us lowland dwelling Americans.

In past years, team members have dealt with ailments ranging from near-fatal altitude sickness, diarrhea, sunburn, dehydration and fatigue. This year, we are thankful that the team has stayed relatively healthy.

Most of the people in this land are Buddhists, and even now a light flickers from the large monastery on the hill overlooking our campsite. Earlier that day, team member Carroll Page, pastor of Boiling Springs (N.C.) Church, had prayer walked through the village and then made his way up to the monastery. Our teams are always very careful to be culturally sensitive on these trips, and in the past we have been hesitant to witness in the monasteries. Some of the monasteries are hundreds of years old and contain inner rooms full of scrolls and statues depicting every form of idolatry and evil imaginable. Even prayer walkers equipped with the full armor of God are advised to avoid confrontations with these demonic strongholds and concentrate more on envisioning God's future blessings as they walk through the villages.

But on this day, Carroll reported that he felt comfortable, indeed guided by the Holy Spirit, to go into the monastery, where he was greeted warmly by the monks. He was given tea and a tour of the facility, including the most sacred inner prayer rooms.

Then, he shared with the monks his purpose for traveling to their land – to bring them the good news of the one true God and of the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. The monks listened attentively and Carroll said he could only pray that the seeds planted would take root as he handed out New Testaments in the local language. He was also able to share with the head Llama of the monastery, who received the news with cool indifference.

"When I asked him to explain to me what the core beliefs of his faith were, he didn't seem to be able to do that," Carroll told us later.

Another significant event occurred earlier in the day. We had attempted to travel beyond Chumatung, further along the road into a restricted village guarded by the Indian army. But the army officials would grant permission only for our two Indian doctors and one Ladakhy guide. Ramesh agreed to stay with the main team in Chumatung while the other three Indians ventured into the restricted area to hold a small clinic and witness.

"I wondered what I was going to do all day since I ended up staying behind," Ramesh told us.

Around noon, he walked over to the cooks' tent and soon found himself in conversation with three of the young Ladakhy men who had been traveling with us. Ramesh gave each of them a New Testament written in their language, and began sharing with them God's plan of salvation. The young men, already curious about the Christian faith through their interaction with the team over the last several days, hang on Ramesh's every word. After two hours, all three say they wanted to follow Christ as their Lord and Savior.

And Ramesh suddenly realized why he had stayed behind. That evening, the team held a special devotional and prayer service with the three new Christians participating. Tapan, the youngest of the three, prayed that "God would help me turn away from my sinful life and follow the Lord Jesus."

Those of us who had seen this happen before are filled with joy, but also with some apprehension. Once our team departs, these infant Christians will be virtually adrift in a sea of paganism. There is only one small Christian church in the entire region, started by Moravians in Leh over 100 years ago, so Ramesh will have to arrange special discipleship training for the three new converts. We thank God for the souls of these three, but also ask that He will protect and nurture them so the seeds planted will take root.

Now, it is nearly time to start the Jesus movie. The children crowd and squirm for the best positions at the front of the monitor, while the adults are content to sit further back. One of our Ladakhy guides tells the audience they are about to see a special movie, and then he asks me to say a few words of introduction to the group.

Since I am not much of a public speaker, I am nervous and awkward, but through the interpreter I manage to say something like, "Thank you for allowing us to visit your village. I hope that our medical and dental clinic has been helpful to you. Tonight, we want to share something with you that is very important to us. The movie you are about to see tells the story of Jesus, God's only son who came to earth because He loved us so much. All of the members of our team believe in Jesus as our Savior, and He commands us to share this with people throughout the world."

The children break into polite applause and then all become silent as the movie begins. Will the sound be loud enough? I am pleasantly surprised when the audience grows quiet and the narration, in a language foreign to me, clearly pierces the night. All eyes are glued to the TV set, and for the next 90 minutes we have a captive audience.

Although I have seen this film several times, the emotions evoked by this scene — over 200 unreached people watching the story of Jesus on a TV monitor in a field in the middle of the Himalayan wilderness are almost overwhelming to me. What are the children thinking as they watch? I can only wonder and pray.

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Sports Teams Go To Mexico And South Africa

The summer of 1999 saw two Sports in Missions teams on International mission trips. A team of six traveled to Culiacan in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico and a seven-person team used basketball as a vehicle to share the gospel in Soweto, South Africa. The Mexico team was led by Randy Sain, a coach and foreign language teacher at East Burke Middle School. Karen Burnette of Sylva, Lacie Dameron and Pam Davis from Miller's Creek, and Jeffery Shearin from Coats were the athletes who shared their talent and valuable summer vacation time. The sixth member of the team was 20-year-old Ashley Stewart who made an invaluable contribution to the team's success through his fluency in Spanish. The South African group was led by coaches Ross Scott and Bob Poole, each of whom was making his second mission trip to that country. The five high school athletes who accompanied them were Hildebran's Daniel Hodges, Nathan Lowman from Valdese, Matt Scott from Dobson and Jason Moser of Mount Airy, and making his second trip to South Africa, Andy Reilly of Rutherford County.

Following are comments from the team to Mexico, hosted by IMB missionary Leonard Smith from June 19-26, 1999.

Randy Sain: "It was an awesome trip! It was amazing to see how simply opening a bag and playing with a ball could spread the message of the gospel! It was very hot and the work tiring, but if you could have seen how boys, girls, youth, men, and women responded with professions of faith, you would understand why we believe that it was a blessing to the heart of everyone involved."

Karen Burnett: "A lot of spiritual warfare went along with this trip. We were not even sure the trip would be made until a few weeks before it was made. We didn't have an interpreter, but God provided. Then when we arrived in Mexico City, we missed our flight because some of my luggage was lost. This luggage contained all the things I wanted to give the kids. My specialty was softball, but the first day of the softball clinic, only one girl showed up. We could have been downhearted, but we did the best we could with her, and other doors of opportunity were opened up. We developed a close relationship with this girl, Gloria. The next time we had a softball clinic, nearly 30 kids showed up, and even though I don't speak Spanish, they understood what I was trying to teach them. The interpreters and 'sign language' helped to communicate the messages of softball and more importantly, Jesus. We also went to the juvenile prison. The other girls and I were a little scared at first because we did not know how the guys would react to the presence of females. However, after three days, our fears were gone, and we were all friends. We took a group photo and were not afraid to stand right next to the inmates. The last day, we went to a campground area with pools filled by hot springs. We took a walk to a river. On the way we met some boys whom I later was allowed to lead to Christ. On this trip, I learned a lot. If we open our hearts to God, He can and will use us. He can take whatever we love, such as softball, and use it to open doors to minister to others. All it takes is a little imagination and a loving heart. People need to be loved and are searching for it. We can only love because God loves us. We must communicate His love to others. The devil got some licks in during this spiritual battle, but he lost. God beat him down as doors were opened, seeds were planted, and souls were saved."

Lacie Dameron: "The trip to Mexico was one of the biggest blessings of my life. It was wonderful meeting the people and playing sports with them, but the best part was being able to witness to the people. Most of them would listen so intently. The smallest bit of love you show towards the Lord and them could change a life forever. When we went to a small poverty-stricken area, I was able to teach a few children some basics of volleyball. I couldn't speak their language, but I had the most wonderful time. I made a lasting friendship with a young boy. When we left he gave me the biggest hug. Neither of us could let go of the other. We wanted to hang on as long as we could. Tears came to my eyes when I finally had to let go. I wanted to take him home with me and give him everything he has never had, and most importantly take him to church and show him God. But I knew I couldn't. We did what we went to do, show them love, sports, friendship, and Jesus Christ. We planted a seed while we were there, and hopefully it will sprout and bear fruit. God gave each member of our team a talent and used that as a basis for sharing the gospel. I praise His name for using me as his instrument."

Pam Davis: "Our trip to Mexico was awesome! God moved in ways that I never realized even possible. We saw a lot of things – some were happy and some were sad. I really enjoyed going to the juvenile prison. The first day I was pretty scared, but I knew that God had sent us there and that He would protect us. It was really fun watching God work in the hearts of those young guys. I also enjoyed going to the housing development that was called "The 22nd of December." The kids there were so

sweet, and they seemed to really enjoy us being there. It was sad seeing how they have to live. I wanted to bring all of them home with me. Seeing all the poverty that was in some places made me very thankful for everything I have. I realize, from this trip, that I take a lot of things for granted. Just everyday things like my home, my job, and simply my basic surroundings. I have grown a great deal through this trip. I look at my life differently. I saw God in everything that we did, and it was awesome! I just kept receiving blessing after blessing!"

Jeffrey Shearin: "My first mission trip was an experience I'll never forget. I have gone on little trips but not that long or nearly that far. Culiacan is a beautiful place with wonderful people. Everywhere we went I felt comfortable. Most of the places we did our clinics were parks. While finishing up our sports, we shared the word of God. I was very amazed at how the Word was accepted almost everywhere we went. Many people knew that Jesus died on the cross, but few of them knew why. Jesus died to save us from our sins. We are all sinners, and with sin comes eternal death. Once we told them about Jesus, where we lived and what we did, they seemed to really open up. Jesus is what they had been looking for and what they needed. Many were saved, young and old alike. While we were there, many doors were opened for other groups to come in and continue our work. Hopefully the other groups who follow will help the ones we reached to grow spiritually, to keep the faith and spread the word."

One request for a sports team for next summer has already been received in the Baptist Men's office. A soccer team has been invited to do evangelism through that sport in Swaziland, a small country inside the borders of South Africa. A flyer will be mailed out from the Baptist Men's office this fall listing and describing all of next summer's Sports in Missions trips.

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Plan To Attend Statewide Lad/Crusader Camporee

For the past five years, the Lad/Crusader Camporee has proven to be a fun and exciting event for North Carolina Royal Ambassadors. Camp Caraway Family Campground will again be the site for the sixth edition. This year's event will take place September 17-18. All Royal Ambassadors (grades 1-6) are encouraged to attend. Check-in and camp set-up will be between 5:00 and 7:30 Friday night. Friday night's events will be highlighted by a bonfire program, which includes singing and other entertainment. Saturday, boys will participate in Campcraft instruction classes and fun Campcraft field day events. Ribbons will be awarded. The Camporee will end around 2:00 on Saturday afternoon.

The Camporee will provide an opportunity for boys to camp out, learn new Campcraft skills, and participate in fun activities with other boys from across the state.

Cost is only $3.50 per person and includes campground fee and program fee. Each group must bring their own food and camping equipment. Registration for this event is limited to the first 300 participants, and is on a first-come first-served basis. All registrations must be in by Friday, September 10.

For more information or registration, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

RA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Each year the State RA Committee and North Carolina Baptist Men recognize one individual for their long-time, meritorious service to Royal Ambassadors. If you would like to nominate someone to receive the Distinguished Royal Ambassador Leadership Award, please contact our office for a nomination form.

Celebrate RA Week In Your Church

All across our state and across the country, thousands of boys are learning about missions and becoming involved in missions through the Royal Ambassador program. The solid foundation that is being laid in these young boys' lives is something worth celebrating! Royal Ambassador week is the perfect time to do this. RA Week is November 7-13. This is a time to recognize the boys and their leaders, as well as educate your congregation as to the great work they are doing.

The Royal Ambassador Planbook has many ideas on how to conduct a successful Royal Ambassador Week in your church. It can be purchased at your local Lifeway Book Store (formerly Baptist Book Store), or by calling (800) 233-1123. Discuss with your pastor how the work of your RA chapter might be highlighted during the Sunday services. You may also want to plan a special missions project during the week. This is a great way to gain church support for your program and to help your boys understand that they play an important role in the life of your church.

SUPER SATURDAY

AT LOWE'S MOTOR SPEEDWAY
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday October 9, 1999 9:30am-5pm
All Pro Bumper-To-Bumper Auto Parts 300 Race

Featuring:

Cost:
Children 5 and under free
$12 for ages 6 – 17
$15 for ages 17 and above
Ticket includes concert, lunch and reserved grand stand seats for race.

Registration is due by September 27, 1999. Orders are on a first-come, first-served basis and will be accepted after September 27 only if tickets are still available. NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 15.

Tickets are available only from Evangelism and Church Growth Team, Nelson Searcy, Team Leader; Mission Growth Evangelism, Milton A. Hollifield, Jr., Group Leader; Baptist State Convention.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT LOWE'S MOTOR SPEEDWAY.

Note: Super Saturday celebration begins at 9:30 am. Tickets to the "All Pro Bumper-to-Bumper 300 Race" and lunch passes will be given out following the celebration. Race time is 1pm.

Co-sponsors: Evangelism and Church Growth Team & North Carolina Baptist Men's Team

To order tickets, or for additional information, contact:
Evangelism and Church Growth Team,
PO Box 1107, Cary NC 27512 – 1107
919-467-5100 or 800-395-5102 (in NC) Ext. 224 or 228

Camp Caraway RA Weekend Campout Special

August 20–October 29
Cost: $18 per person

LODGING:

Rock's cabins (electricity, but no indoor plumbing; these cabins use a bathhouse)

Northwood's cabins (no electricity or indoor plumbing, these cabins use lanterns and a bathhouse)

Each cabin will accommodate up to 16 people (bunk beds).

FOOD:

Three meals at the camp dining hall

ACTIVITIES:

Each group will have access to the canoes and a scheduled time at the air rifle range. Other facilities such as basketball courts and the ballfield will be available.

Space is limited. To register, contact Caraway Conference Center (336) 629-2374.

RA Leader Training October 8-9

The key to a successful Royal Ambassador program lies in the ability to secure a dedicated adult to work with the boys. Each year hundreds of new RA and Challenger leaders take on the task of leading the boys and young men of their church in missions education and involvement. Unfortunately, many of these leaders become frustrated and drop out before the year is out. Others seem to thrive, leading their boys in interesting and worthwhile meetings. What's the difference? — Training. It doesn't take much to learn what resources are out there and how to use them effectively. And a little bit of training can make a world of difference.

October 8-9 are the dates for a special training session for Lad Crusader Counselors at Camp Caraway. This training will focus mainly on those who are new RA counselors. All the basics of the program will be covered in detail, including advancement, effective chapter meetings, mission projects, and interest activities. The EZRA (Easy Royal Ambassadors) method, a simplified approach to providing an RA program for your church will also be a focus. Participants will gain a knowledge of the program and how to lead it effectively. There will also be a session for church RA Directors.

This training session will be held at the boys camp. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and or bedding with them, as well as other personal items.

Men and women working with RAs are encouraged to attend. The training will begin with supper on Friday and conclude with lunch on Saturday. Cost for this training is $28 per person.

For more information or registration, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Adult Campcraft Training

Adult Campcraft Training will be offered at Camp Caraway October 15-16, 1999. This training is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about camping and outdoor skills such as firecraft, ropecraft, camp set-up, map and compass, equipment, toolcraft, and more. The training is especially helpful to those who would like to learn these skills so that they can teach them to the boys or other young men in their church. Training begins Friday evening and concludes after supper on Saturday. Cost of the training is $35 per person. Participants need to provide their own tents and equipment. Meals will be provided. For a registration form or more information, check the appropriate box on the back page of this issue.

Challengers In An Exciting Period Of Change

John McGinnis is on board as the consultant for youth. John is planning many more missions activities. These may be joint activities in which a youth group or Acteen group, as well as your Challenger group can participate.

The national director, Alan Huesing, was at the Brotherhood Training in August to help explain the "Journey" which is the new advancement program for Challengers. The Journey is not a total change; it just puts more structure to the advancement program.

The Challengers Journey is a four-mile plan plus two additional "advanced" miles. Each mile requires completion of 12 specific mission Bible studies found in Challenge magazine and 12 mission projects call "mission challenges." Nine of the challenges correspond to the nine "mission fields" of mission education. Those are the fields in which Challengers learn to be on mission with God. They are: My Life, My Family, My Church, My School, My Neighborhood, My Association (of Baptist churches), My State, My Nation, and My World. The remaining three mission challenges are electives. They may be selected from among the many suggested in Challenge magazine or any other mission project completed by your Challengers group.

The first two "mission challenges" of the First Mile were in the August Challenge, Leader Edition magazine. Issues of Challenge, Leader Edition, will bring you as many "mission challenges" as space will allow.

You may also find The Challengers Journey at www.studentz.com/Know/interface.htm according to the following schedule: Mile 1 by August 15, Mile 2 by September 15, Mile 3 by October 15 and Mile 4 by November 15. The Challengers Journey will be available in book form later in the school year.

Begin The Journey with your Challengers now as they begin a new school year. Challengers who have completed the First and Second Miles for a previous year may be credited with one mile toward the new Journey. However, to qualify for scholarships, Challengers must complete all miles as required in The Journey. All Challengers should begin The Journey at the First Mile.

Notice that The Journey begins by examining my personal relationship with God in the activity related to "My Life." Challengers learn that they cannot share Christ with others if they have not personally experienced Him in their own lives. This activity will provide you with an opportunity to lead to Christ young men in your group who have never accepted Him as Savior and Lord. All subsequent steps of The Journey are "mission challenges" to live out this commitment and share this relationship with others as young men are on mission with God.

For further information or to share input, contact John McGinnis (800) 395-5102, ext. 340 or Alan Huesing (770) 410-6000 directly.

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Deep Impact — A Youth Missions Camp For Hands That Seek To Make A Deep Impact

"Deep Impact" is a youth missions camp that is specifically designed to give youth and youth workers a chance to grow in their faith while exploring various opportunities of service during a week-long 'hands-on' missions experience. The week challenges youth and their leaders to be the hands of Christ to a hurting world. A student who has experienced Christ reaching through them to touch the lives of people in need will go home changed forever.

Jesus Christ felt the deep impact of the nails of self-sacrifice and has called us to take up our cross and follow his example.

You can make a deep impact!

Spring break Deep Impact at Caswell is April 16-22, 2000 & April 23-28, 2000.

For more information, contact John McGinnis, North Carolina Baptist Men (800) 395-5102, ext 340, or check the box on the back page.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONS APPLICATION

Application Deadline: January 1, 2000
Please complete and return this form if you are interested in participating in a short-term volunteer mission trip.

We are interested in serving in (check all that apply):

- ❑ Alaska Partnership
- ❑ Appachian Mountain Ministry Project
- ❑ South Africa/Swaziland/Lesotho Partnership
- ❑ Honduras Project
- ❑ Working with a NC Language Church

CONTACT PERSON

Mission Project Contact

The best way to reach me is:

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

- ❑ Associational Team — *Association Name* _____
- ❑ Church Team — *Church Name* _____
- ❑ Individual

AVAILABLE DATES & TYPE OF PROJECTS WHICH INTEREST YOU

Dates Available: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Total number in group: _____

Breakdown of group by age: _____Youth _____College _____Adults _____Senior Adults _____Other

What is your housing preference? ❑ Church ❑ Homes ❑ Hotel ❑ Area Campus

Our skills fit the following ministries:

- ❑ Children's Ministries: ____VBS _____Backyard Bible Club
- ❑ Sports Clinics
- ❑ Block Party Assistance
- ❑ Performance Ministries: _____Puppets _____Music _____Choir _____Drama _____Face Painting ____Clowning
- ❑ Special Event Ministries
- ❑ Campus/Student Outreach
- ❑ Renovation/Construction
- ❑ Inner-City Ministries
- ❑ Construction (list specific skills): _____
- ❑ Leadership Training Skills (Please specify): _____
- ❑ Evangelism Team: _____Preaching _____Survey _____Visitation
- ❑ Other: _____

Please describe any previous mission trip experience: _____

Please return form to: **Partnership Missions Office**, Baptist State Convention of NC, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or fax to (919) 460-6329. If you have questions, call (800) 395-5102, ext. 331.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Fall 1999, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512-1107

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TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ ACC Football — WFU vs Ga. Tech, Nov. 20, Cost $12/person (includes lunch, program, ticket) + $3/per order for handling #_____ @ $12 = Total $_____

- ❑ Statewide Lad/Crusader Camporee, Sept. 17-18, Cost: $3.50/person (includes campground and program fees) *Registration deadline is Sept. 10.* #_____ @ $3.50 = Total $_____

- ❑ RA Leader Training, Oct. 8-9, Caraway Boys Camp, Cost: $28/person #_____ @ $28 = Total $_____

TO ORDER NCBM/RA HATS/T-SHIRTS

To order NCBM/RA Hats/T-shirts, Christian Life New Testaments or NCBM Travel Mugs see page 16.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Office _____ Home _____ E-mail _____

Church _____ Association _____

Leadership Position _____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $ _____ Number in Group (if applicable) _____

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